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SUBJECT: BUSINESSMAN ATTEMPTS TO CURRY SAUDI FAVOR BY  
PREDICTING PRESIDENT'S IMPEACHMENT

REF: ABU DHABI 1629

1. OMAR SAQQAF, SAUDI FOREIGN MINISTER OF STATE FOR  
FOREIGN AFFAIRS, TOLD AMBASSADOR AKINS JAN 1 THAT A  
DR. MCMULLEN , "AN OFFICIAL OF A SHIPPING  
FIRM," MET WITH KING FAISAL AND CROWN PRINCE KHALID  
EARLY IN DECEMBER. MR. MCMULLEN TOLD THE KING THAT  
THE OIL BOYCOTT WAS WORKING, THAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE  
WERE BEING BROUGHT TO THEIR SENSES AND HE ADVISED HIM  
TO CONTINUE THE BOYCOTT. (COMMENT: THIS IS PRECISELY  
THE OPPOSITE OF WHAT HE TOLD OUR CHARGE IN ABU  
DHABI, SEE PGH 8 REFTEL.)

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2. MR. MCMULLEN TOLD THE KING HE WAS A CLOSE PERSONAL FRIEND OF VICE PRESIDENT FORD AND IMPLIED THAT HE WAS ON A MISSION FOR HIM. HE TOLD THE KING HE SHOULD HAVE NO WORRIES; PRESIDENT NIXON WILL BE IMPEACHED WITHIN TWO MONTHS, HE SAID, AND PRESIDENT FORD WILL TAKE A MUCH MORE POSITIVE POSITION ON THE MIDDLE EAST.

3. THE AMBASSADOR TOLD THE FOREIGN MINISTER THAT HE DOUBTED MR. MCMULLEN'S CREDENTIALS AND HIS POLITICAL ANALYSIS WAS WRONG ON ALL COUNTS. THE MINISTER REPLIED THAT THEY HAD NOT TAKEN MCMULLEN SERIOUSLY; HE EXPOSED HIS HAND WHEN HE TRIED TO SEW UP LARGE QUANTITIES OF SAUDI OIL TO BE DELIVERED AFTER THE BOYCOTT IS LIFTED. IF THEY HAD BELIEVED HE WAS AN EMISSARY OF THE VICE PRESIDENT, HE (SAQQAF) WOULD HAVE RAISED THE MATTER WITH THE AMBASSADOR EARLIER.

4. THE MINISTER SAID HE REFERRED TO THE EIPISODE NOW ONLY BECAUSE IT WAS A LOCAL EXAMPLE OF RUMORS AND REPORTS THEY WERE HEARING FROM THE UNITED STATES ABOUT THE VULNERABILITY OF PRESIDENT NIXON.

5. THE AMBASSADOR SAID MR. MCMULLEN'S ACTIVITIES WERE DEPLORABLE. BUT UNFORTUNATELY WE DID NOT HAVE IN THE UNITED STATES THE CHURCHILLIAN TRADITION OF CRITICIZING OUR COUNTRY'S ACTION WHILE WE ARE AT HOME AND DEFENDING OUR COUNTRY, WHATEVER IT DOES, WHEN WE'RE ABROAD\*.

6. WE NOTE FROM THE REFTEL THAT MR. MCMULLEN WOULD LIKE

TO REVIEW WITH THE DEPARTMENT OR THE WHITE HOUSE DETAILS AND IMPRESSIONS OF HIS INTERVIEWS. WE WOULD BE MOST INTERESTED IN LEARNING IF SUCH MEETINGS TOOK PLACE. IF THEY TAKE PLACE IN THE FUTURE WE WOULD ALSO BE INTERESTED IN KNOWING HOW MCMULLEN WILL "CLARIFY" THE STATEMENTS SAQQAF SAID HE MADE TO THE KING.  
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